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**For: NOVEL HETEROCYCLE-SUBSTITUTED HYDROXY-6-PHENYLPHENANTHRIDINES
AND THEIR USE AS PDE4 INHIBITORS****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-12, 14 and 16-17 and cancel claims 13 and 15 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, as outlined in Appendix A entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 1, line 1 as outlined in Appendix B, attached herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please enter the Abstract of the Disclosure as outlined in